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CLASS OF 1966 DATA SHEET

GRADUATION EXERCISES -- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1966

10:00 A.M.

MICHIE STADIUM, WEST POINT, N Y.

(NOTE: IN EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE GRADUATION EXERCISES WILL BE HELD IN THE WEST POINT FIELD HOUSE.)

SPEAKER -- THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

TOTAL NUMBER CADETS GRADUATING ~~580~~ 580
(FOREIGN CADETS, 4; U. S. CADETS, 576)

(NOTE: FOREIGN CADETS GRADUATING ARE NOT ENTITLED TO BE COMMISSIONED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE U. S.)

STATES/DISTRICTS/COUNTRIES REPRESENTED:

ALA 8	LA 7	OHIO 23 23	PANAMA CANAL
ALASKA.. 3	MAINE.. 5	OKLA ... 5	ZONE 1
ARIZ ... 4	MD 17	ORE 7	PUERTO RICO .. 1
ARK 7	MASS .. 22	PA 39	
CALIF... 28	MICH .. 16	R.I. ... 5	OVERSEAS 7
COLO ... 5	MINN .. 11	S.C. ... 11	(U.S. CDTs)
CONN ... 12	Miss .. 7	S.D. ... 3	
DELA ... 1	Mo 12	TENN ... 9	<u>FOREIGN:</u>
FLA 25	MONT... 3	TEXAS .. 27	COSTA RICA.. 1
GA 15	NEBR... 3	UTAH ... 2	HONDURAS ... 1
HAWAII.. --	NEV ... 4	VT 2	REP OF PANAMA 1
IDAHO... 4	N.H. ... 2	VA 35	THE PHILIP-
ILL 22	N.J. ... 27	WASH ... 12	PINES ... 1
IND 7	N.M. ... 3	W.VA ... 2	
IOWA ... 5	N.Y. ... 48	WISC ... 9	
KANS ... 6	N.C. ... 13	Wyo 2	TOTAL 580
KY 13	N.D. ... 4	D.C. ... 5	

GRADUATION DATE (40TH WEDNESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY): IN LATE 1957 THE SERVICE ACADEMIES' SUPERINTENDENTS AGREED UPON "THE 40TH WEDNESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY" AS A COMMON GRADUATION DATE FOR THE THREE SERVICE ACADEMIES; AND IN EARLY 1958 THE SECRETARIES OF THE THREE SERVICES APPROVED THIS DECISION. THE FIRST CLASS TO BE AFFECTED BY THIS RULING WAS THAT OF 1958 AT EACH OF THE THREE ACADEMIES.

TOTAL NUMBER U.S. CADETS NOT BEING COMMISSIONED ~~4~~ 4

TOTAL NUMBER U.S. CADETS BEING COMMISSIONED ~~572~~ 572

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166 GRADUATION DATA - CONTINUED

COMMISSIONED IN U.S. ARMY ~~554~~ 554

ARMOR BRANCH	66
ARTILLERY BRANCH	161 161
CORPS OF ENGINEERS	69
INFANTRY BRANCH	177 177
SIGNAL CORPS	52
TECHNICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	29
ADJ GEN CORPS	2
ARMY INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY	10
CHEMICAL CORPS	4
FINANCE CORPS	4
MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS	2
ORDNANCE CORPS	2
QUARTERMASTER CORPS ..	4
TRANSPORTATION CORPS .	1

COMMISSIONED IN U.S. AIR FORCE 17

" " U.S. NAVY 1

" " U.S. MARINE CORPS --

TOTAL NUMBER U.S. CADETS IN CLASS OF 1966 ~~576~~ 576

COMMISSIONING IN ARMY TECHNICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY NOW PERMITS UP TO 5% OF THE CADETS IN EACH GRADUATING CLASS TO BE COMMISSIONED IN THE NINE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY: ADJUTANT GENERAL CORPS; ARMY INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY; CHEMICAL CORPS; FINANCE CORPS; MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS; MILITARY POLICE CORPS; ORDNANCE CORPS; QUARTERMASTER CORPS; AND TRANSPORTATION CORPS.

NO MORE THAN 1% CAN GO TO ANY SINGLE TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE; AND USMA GRADUATES SO COMMISSIONED, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, ARE REQUIRED TO SPEND THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THEIR COMMISSIONED SERVICE IN A DETAIL ASSIGNMENT WITH ONE OF THE COMBAT ARMS. THOSE EXCEPTED ARE CADETS PHYSICALLY DISQUALIFIED FOR COMBAT SERVICE. THE NUMBER OF PHYSICALLY DISQUALIFIED CADETS IS NOT CONSIDERED IN COMPUTING THE OVERALL PERCENTAGE LIMITATION. THE NEW PROCEDURE (WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THE CLASS OF 1965) IS STRICTLY OPTIONAL; AND NO CADET WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE SIMPLY TO FILL THE 5% QUOTA.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY: THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY WAS ESTABLISHED BY ACT OF CONGRESS DATED MARCH 16, 1802. THE ACADEMY'S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS (OCT. 12, 1802) HAD TWO MEMBERS; JOSEPH G. SWIFT AND SIMON M. LEVY.

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166 GRADUATION DATA - CONTINUED

(2,664)

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES, 1802 - 1966: FROM THE CLASS OF 1802 THROUGH THE CLASS OF 1966, A TOTAL OF 26,664 MEN HAVE BEEN GRADUATED. OF THIS NUMBER, MORE THAN 21,000 (ABOUT 80%) HAVE BEEN GRADUATED IN THE PAST FIFTY YEARS AND MORE THAN 14,000 (ABOUT 54%) IN THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

STRENGTH (ENROLLMENT) OF THE CORPS OF CADETS: THE STRENGTH OF ENROLLMENT OF THE CORPS OF CADETS IS SET BY LAW. BEGINNING WITH AN INITIAL ENROLLMENT (IN 1802) OF TEN CADETS, THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER HAS BEEN INCREASED BY CONGRESS PERIODICALLY DURING THE INTERVENING YEARS IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE REGULAR ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES. IN 1964, LEGISLATION WAS PASSED WHICH RAISED THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH TO 4417, TO BE EFFECTED IN GRADUAL STAGES. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE CORPS OF CADETS NUMBERS ABOUT 2963 MEN. A CONCURRENT BUILDING EXPANSION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CADETS.

LENGTH OF SERVICE AFTER GRADUATION: THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1966 AND THE CLASS OF 1967 ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE FOUR (4) YEARS AFTER GRADUATION. THE CLASS OF 1968 AND SUBSEQUENT CLASSES ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1964 LEGISLATION. THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES EQUALLY TO ALL THREE SERVICE ACADEMIES.

CIVILIAN GRADUATE SCHOOLING: "DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES" OF THE U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY (THOSE IN THE TOP 5% OF THE CLASS IN GENERAL ORDER OF MERIT) ARE GUARANTEED GRADUATE SCHOOLING LEADING TO THE MASTER'S DEGREE WITHIN THEIR FIRST FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE, IN FIELDS OF STUDY FOR WHICH THE ARMY HAS A REQUIREMENT (NUCLEAR ENGINEERING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND THE LIKE). A DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE MAY ELECT EITHER TO GO DIRECTLY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL UPON HIS GRADUATION FROM USMA OR TO DEFER HIS ENTRY TO A LATER YEAR, AFTER COMPLETION OF A TOUR OF TROOP DUTY.

ALSO UNDER THIS PROGRAM, ANY GRADUATE (WHETHER IN THE TOP 5% OF HIS CLASS OR NOT) WHO HAS WON A SCHOLARSHIP MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GRADUATION. HE ALSO MAY CONTINUE STUDY AT THE ARMY'S EXPENSE FOR A TOTAL OF TWO YEARS (INCLUDING THE SCHOLARSHIP TIME) IN ORDER TO ATTAIN AN ADVANCED DEGREE IN ANY SUBJECT AREA WHERE THE ARMY HAS A NEED FOR SPECIALISTS. CADETS MAY COMPETE FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS, AND OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS.

SINCE 1940, OVER ONE-HALF OF THE USMA GRADUATES HAVE PURSUED GRADUATE STUDY AT CIVILIAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES UNDER ARMY SPONSORSHIP. IT IS EXPECTED THAT, IN THE FUTURE, AS MANY AS THREE OUT OF FOUR USMA GRADUATES WILL GO ON TO GRADUATE SCHOOL.

USMA SUPERINTENDENT: MAJOR GENERAL DONALD V. BENNETT, U. S. ARMY, BECAME THE 47TH SUPERINTENDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY ON JANUARY 10, 1966, FOLLOWING AN ASSIGNMENT AS DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PLANS AND POLICY IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

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